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SUBJECT: SOVIET EMBASSY PROTESTS ABSENCE OF ADVANCE
WARNING OF DEMONSTRATION AGAINST SOVCONGEN SAN FRANCISCO

1. AT COB AUGUST 21, SOVIET EMBASSY (VOLKOV) CALLED
DEPARTMENT TO LODGE VERBAL PROTEST AT LACK OF ADVANCE
WARNING FROM SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT OF "ANTI-
SOVIET" DEMONSTRATION WHICH, ACCORDING TO SOVIET EMBASSY,
TOOK PLACE AUGUST 19 BETWEEN 1130 AND 1300 HOURS LOCAL IN
FRONT OF SOVIET CG SAN FRANCISCO.

2. ACCORDING TO SOVIETS, FIRST INDICATION OF DEMONSTRATION
THAT CG HAD WAS MID-MORNING STATIONING OF THREE OFFICERS
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FROM SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT IN FRONT OF CG.
SHORTLY THEREAFTER, VOLKOV CLAIMED, A CROWD OF APPROXIMATE-
LY 40 PEOPLE ARRIVED AND BEGAN TO DEMONSTRATE ACROSS THE
STREET FROM THE CG. PRIOR ARRIVAL OF EXTRA POLICE AT CG
INDICATED TO SOVIETS THAT S.F. POLICE KNEW ABOUT DEMONSTRATION.
SOVIET EMBASSY, HOWEVER, ADVISED THAT IT DID NOT
INTEND TO FOLLOW UP VERBAL PROTEST WITH A NOTE.

3. SOVIET EMBASSY ALSO ADVISED THAT AN ACT OF VANDALISM HAD OCCURRED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AUGUST 19 DEMONSTRATION. ACCORDING TO THE SOVIETS, AS THE DEMONSTRATION BROKE

UP, TWO MEN BROKE FROM THE SMALL CROWD, CROSSED THE STREET AND RAN UP TO THE CG'S GARAGE WHERE ONE MAN BEGAN SPRAY PAINTING WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN A SLOGAN ON THE GARAGE DOOR. POLICE SEIZED AND ARRESTED THE MAN BEFORE HE WAS ABLE TO PAINT MORE THAN THE LETTERS "BRE" ON THE DOOR. THE OTHER MAN, WHO THE POLICE ALSO ARRESTED, SUCCEEDED, THE SOVIETS CLAIM, IN BREAKING TWO GLASS WINDOWS IN THE GARAGE DOOR. SOVIET EMBASSY ADVISED THAT IT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CLAIM COMPENSATION FOR THE DAMAGE INCURRED.

4. THE SOVIET EMBASSY HAD NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF THE POLICE DURING THE ABOVE DEMONSTRATION OR ABOUT THE GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE DEMONSTRATION ITSELF.

5. WE WILL ADVISE OF ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT FBI OR S.F. POLICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.
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